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July 30, 2007

The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building
465 South King Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 2006-0387 – Application of Maui Electric Company, Limited
for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules.

In accordance with the requirements of Protective Order No. 23379 enclosed please find the original protective agreement which was executed by Kristen Murashige, Analyst, of the Consumer Advocate's staff.

In the event other members of the Consumer Advocate's staff and/or outside consultants retained to assist us in our review become involved in this docket, additional protective agreements will be executed with the originals forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

Cheryl S. Kikuta
Utilities Administrator

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Enclosure

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EXHIBIT A

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT

1. I, Kristen Murashige, have been presented with a copy of Protective Order No. 23379 issued by the Public Utilities Commission in Docket No. 2006-0387 on the 23rd day of April, 2007 ("Protective Order").

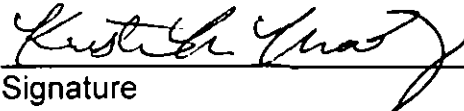
2. I am employed, retained or assisting the Division of Consumer Advocacy in Docket No. 2006-0387, am a "Qualified Person" pursuant to Paragraph 12 of the Protective Order, and have requested review of the confidential information covered by the Protective Order.

3. I understand the confidential information covered by the Protective Order is to be used solely to assist the Division of Consumer Advocacy as provided for in paragraph 15 of the Protective Order (and paragraph 17 in the case of rendering assistance to the Consumer Advocate), and that I am to make no other use of the confidential information, nor am I to disclose the confidential information to any other person unless otherwise permitted by the Protective Order.

4. I further understand that at the conclusion of my assistance to the Division of Consumer Advocacy, I shall account for each copy, extract, note and summary of, or other document containing any part of such confidential information to Maui Electric Company, Limited, and I shall abide by the provisions in paragraph 28 of the Protective Order, unless otherwise permitted by paragraph 29 and 30 of the Protective Order.

5. I hereby certify that I have read the above-mentioned Protective Order and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

DATED at Honolulu, Hawaii, this July 30, 2007.


Signature

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